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ARMENIAN REPATRIATES FROM USA ARRIVE IN BATUMI;  
KOLKHOZ MIGRATION CONTINUES

ARMENIAN REPUBLICATES -- Kommunist, No 45, 24 Feb 49

On 21 February, a group of 162 Armenians, returning from the US to Soviet Armenia, arrived in Batumi on the Rumanian steamer Ardeal from New York. The group included metal workers, mechanics, locksmiths, turners electricians, and artisans. After a brief rest period in Batumi, the group will proceed to Soviet Armenia.

SECOND MIGRANT GROUP LEAVES FOR GOLODNAYA STEPPE -- Stalinskoye Znaniya, No 39,  
26 Feb 49

The second trainload of migrants to the Golodnaya Steppe left Andizhan several days ago. The group includes more than 1,500 persons, most of them cotton growers. Several hundred Komsomols are in the group.

KOLKHOZ MIGRATION LAGS IN ANDIZHAN OBLAST -- Stalinskoye Znaniye, No 47, 9 Mar 49

M. Mirzaakhmedov, secretary of the Anzhiyan Oblast Committee KP(b) Uzbekistan, in his report at the Tenth Congress of the KP(b) Uzbekistan, reported that the utilization of 13,000 hectares of newly irrigated land in the Shaarikhon region, scheduled to be completed in 1948, is progressing slowly. As of 1 February 1949, only 6,641 hectares have been utilized. The new land requires migration of 5,700 households, whereas only 2,553 families are living there at present. Utilization of the land and migration to it are being carried out by brigades from kolkhozes in four highly productive rayons which are at a considerable distance from Shaarikhon. Direct control of the work done in the region is in the hands of a staff composed of representatives of the oblast Party committee and rayon Party committees, some of whom are making progress, but all of whom give inflated figures on their progress.

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A 1946 decree of the Soviet of Ministers Uzbek SSR called for construction of a road from the rayon center, Stalinsk, to the new land, a distance of 25 kilometers, but the road has not yet been built and the new area is cut off from the rayon center. The Ministry of Health was scheduled to build a hospital and the Ministry of Education, two schools, but construction of these projects has been disrupted. The Immigration Administration of the Soviet of Ministers Uzbek SSR was scheduled to construct more than 5,000 houses in the area, but actually has built only half this number.

The oblast Party committee and the oblast executive committee have had the responsibility for the condition of the newly organized kolkhozes in Shavritskan, and have had control over the kolkhoz chairmen and the immigrating brigades. It is now necessary to solve, as quickly as possible, the problem of organizing an independent administrative rayon in this region, and to begin construction of the rayon center and cultural and housing facilities for the immigrants.

There are still more than 10,000 hectares in Andishan Oblast which could be utilized to expand cotton cultivation. This land should be irrigated by pumps, and irrigation and reclamation work carried out on unused land in the Yaz-Yavanskaya Steppe. If surveying work is begun this year, more than 10,000 hectares of new land will be available for cultivation of cotton and other crops within the next 2-3 years.

**RSSR MIGRANTS ARRIVE IN PRIMORSKIY KRAY --** Krasnoye Znamya, No 71, 26 Mar 49

A large number of applications from kolkhoz workers, stating their desire to emigrate permanently to Primorskiy Krai, have been received in Ul'yanovsk, Penza, and Kursk Oblasts. The first special train, bringing 200 emigrant kolkhoz families to the Krai, arrived at the end of March. Considerable numbers of these immigrants are being sent to kolkhozes in Kirovskiy, Chkalovskiy, and several other rayons. Trains with migrants from Penza and Kursk Oblasts are due in the Krai during the first half of April.

**PRIMORSKIY PREPARES FOR NEW MIGRANT GROUPS --** Krasnoye Znamya, No 78, 3 Apr 49

Sokolovskiy, Tetyukhinakiy, Ol'ginskiy, and Ternoyakiy Rayons in Primorskiy Krai are expecting the arrival of considerable numbers of migrants this spring. Twenty-five houses have been built in Sokolovskiy Rayon, where 20 migrant families will live.

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